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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Austrian Bureau -- March 1982

I. GENERAL

1. The American community in Vienna was greatly saddened by the announcement on 31 March of the death on 30 March in California of Ambassador Theodore E. Cummings. Ambassador Cummings' tenure in Vienna had been notable for the sense of warm graciousness projected by his wife and himself.

2. By midmonth the bureau had worked out a fairly prompt system, utilizing the services of a private courier service, of getting the Soviet central dailies to London PMU during the prolonged baggage handlers' strike at Heathrow. Earlier in the month, PMU's senior Russian monitor [] spent nearly 2 weeks TDY at the bureau, selecting and faxing material from the Soviet press to Caversham. As a spinoff to the increased use of the fax during this period, we received permission from Headquarters to use bureau funds to purchase a second NEFAX machine as a backup to the bureau's single connection with PMU. With the second NEFAX, we should be protected against mechanical failures that have the potential of putting us out of business for several weeks since there is no NEC service representative in Vienna.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Libyan head of state Mu'ammarr al-Qadhdhafi took us and apparently the Austrians, too, by surprise early in the month when he accepted a 1975 invitation and showed up in Vienna on 10 March for a 3-day visit. Our increased coverage of the local media was particularly appreciated by the Embassy since the visit provided an ideal opportunity for Kreisky's political opponents to charge the chancellor and the Socialist Party in general of being guilty of oily opportunism and anti-Americanism.

2. The first anniversary of last year's student disturbances in Kosovo was marked on 11 March by demonstrations and school boycotts in Pristina and other cities. To supplement radio coverage from Belgrade and Pristina, we asked the contractor in

Belgrade to begin recording the evening Albanian language TV news in the hope of getting some video coverage of the unrest.

3. With Austria going on daylight savings time on 28 March, we jumped 2 hours ahead of GMT. Much to everyone's disappointment, however, Yugoslavia chose to keep to winter time, remaining the odd man out in Europe and forcing us to have to stay open an hour later every night to accommodate the last Belgrade newscast of the day.

4. We had to make some readjustments in our Albanian section this month when junior monitor [] went on her first home leave, traveling "down under" to Australia. Until she returns on 10 May, her colleague [] will be our sole eyes and ears on Tirana, working Tuesday through Saturday. Depending on how stable the situation is in Albania and Kosovo, the Sunday and Monday radio programs will be recorded and the ATA English casts monitored by the editors.

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5. The lengthy subscription problems that cut off our receipt of the Belgrade priority one paper BORBA were finally resolved by mid-month when the daily started arriving regularly again after repeated inquiries to the distributor. During the 23 January-12 March break in receipt, ELAD assumed coverage.

6. Senior Yugoslav monitor [] attended the 11 March plenary round of the MBFR talks. To date, [] is the sixth of our employees to observe the Thursday morning negotiations.

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B. Technical

1. In response to our recommendation that a full-fledged cruising survey with trained cruisers be made at the bureau, the Chief, FCS, has promised to try to arrange something for later this year when staffing limitations are expected to ease a bit.

2. Bureau engineer [] provided the Chief, London Bureau, STAT and the Chief, Engineering Division, with Austrian Bureau's comments on the BBC's plans for modifying the Vienna-Caversham circuits, stressing the need for multichannel recorders as backstops to the remotely controlled Lanier cassettes, the BBC's own equipment in which it appears to have little faith. The objective

is to get away from the many BBC requests to feed and record programs and free our technicians to spend more of their time on bureau requirements rather than on VCVC-associated board chores.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. In conjunction with the Embassy's announcement of a salary increase for Foreign Service National employees effective 21 March 1982, the conversion of the bureau wage schedule to the Embassy scale, based on identical grades and gross salary figures, was negotiated with PMCD by FBIS Headquarters. Bureau employees will now receive their first full salary increase since 7 May 1978.

2. We have now received the multinaged application forms of our prime Polish candidate, [redacted], a resident of Reading who responded to an ad in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH placed some time ago by London Bureau. We hope to be able to offer her a job as soon as we get the green light from the Embassy regional security officer.

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IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. London PMU senior Russian monitor [redacted], 28 February-12 March.
2. Head of the U.S. delegation to the MBFR talks, Ambassador Staar, and Col Tom Roberts, visiting NATO officer from Brussels, 2 March.
3. BBC Newsroom Chief Sub-editor [redacted] 5 March.
4. BBC Duty Supervisor [redacted] 8-9 March.

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Chief, Austrian Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report
Staff Personnel Report

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

AUSTRIAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	555,400 (512,060)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	23,700
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,213

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues
	6,125	6,225	288.23

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ALBANIA

Tirana Domestic Service in Albanian	3,070		
Tirana ATA in English		7,160 (57,960)	
Tirana BASHKIMI in Albanian			0
Tirana DRITA in Albanian			0
Tirana PUNA in Albanian			320
Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in Albanian			0
Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in Albanian			1,970
Tirana ZERI I RINISE in Albanian			580

AUSTRIA

Vienna Domestic Service in German	10,000		
Vienna Domestic Television Service in German	8,370 (200)		
Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in German			3,100
Vienna DIE PRESSE in German			3,280
Vienna KRONEN ZEITUNG in German			300
Vienna KURIER in German			2,080
Vienna PROFIL in German			0
Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German			2,920 (700)
Vienna WIENER TAGEBUCH in German			0

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
AUSTRIA contd.			
Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German			3,830
BULGARIA			
Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian	18,490		
Sofia BTA in English		33,370 (25,140)	
Sofia LITERATUREN FRONT in Bulgarian			0
Sofia NARODNA ARMIJA in Bulgarian			60
Sofia NARODNA MLADZHZH in Bulgarian			0
Sofia OTECHSTVEN FRONT in Bulgarian			500
Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian			13,730
Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian			1,680
Sofia ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME in Bulgarian			0
CHINA			
Beijing in Serbo-Croatian to Yugoslavia			0
CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
Prague Domestic Television Service in Czech and Slovak	340		
Bratislava Domestic Television Service in Slovak	0		
Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in Czech			0
Prague MLADA FRONTA in Czech			1,430
Prague PRACE in Czech			8,430 (1,800)
Prague RUDE PRAVO in Czech			40,010 (33,860)
Prague TRIBUNA in Czech			3,310
Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech			520
Prague ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY in Czech			240
Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak			37,820 (24,670)
Bratislava ROLNICKIE NOVINY in Slovak			3,190 (0)
Bratislava SMENA in Slovak			1,010

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
CZECHOSLOVAKIA contd.			
Bratislava VECERNIK in Slovak			610
GERMANY (GDR)			
East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in German			860
East Berlin DER MORGEN in German			340
East Berlin DIE EINHEIT in German			0
East Berlin HORIZONT in German			10,070 (4,300)
East Berlin NATIONAL-ZEITUNG in German			0
East Berlin NEUE-ZEIT in GERMAN			1,170
East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German			27,750
HUNGARY			
Budapest Domestic Television Service in Hungarian		0	
Budapest KULPOLITIKA in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP in Hungarian			3,390
Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYARORSZAG in Hungarian			0
Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian			10,420
Budapest NEPSZAVA in Hungarian			0
Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in Hungarian			0
ITALY			
Rome ANSA in English		25,670	
POLAND			
Warsaw GLOS PRACY in Polish			0
Warsaw JEDNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw POLITYKA in Polish			1,850

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POLAND contd.			
Warsaw RZECZPOSPOLITA in Polish			1,970
Warsaw SOLIDARNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in Polish			1,080
Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in Polish			11,280 (2,510)
Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in Polish			71,430 (43,700)
Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish			19,980 (13,970)
Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in Polish			3,890 (10,530)
ROMANIA			
Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian	12,590		
Bucharest AGERPRES in English		38,840	
Bucharest ERA SOCIALISTA in Romanian			0
Bucharest LUMEA in Romanian			0
Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in Romanian			0
Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian			14,870 (39,450)
UNION OF SOVIET-SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Albanian to Albania	0		
Moscow in Bulgarian to Bulgaria	0		
Moscow in Macedibuaab ti Yugoslavia	0		
Moscow in Romanian to Romania	0		
Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian			5,750 (0)
Moscow KRASNAYA ZVEZDA in Russian			7,630 (4,000)
Moscow PRAVDA in Russian			8,130 (2,900)
Moscow SELSKAYA ZHIZN in Russian			1,870 (0)

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
YUGOSLAVIA			
Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	11,560		
Belgrade Domestic Television Service in Serbo-Croatian	450		
Pristina Domestic Service in Albanian	870		
Pristina Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	1,090		
Belgrade TANJUG in English		1,330 (200)	
Belgrade TANJUG in Russian		970 (2,180)	
Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian		2,580 (450)	
Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian			7,790 (690)
Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in Serbo-Croatian			870
Belgrade NIN in Serbo-Croatian			9,020 (1,380)
Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian			22,020 (16,900)
Ljubljana DELO in Slovene			1,350
Novi Sad DNEVNIK in Serbo-Croatian			0
Pristina RILINDJA in Albanian			610
Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in Serbo-Croatian			0
Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian			580
Titograd POBJEDA in Serbo-Croatian			0
Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian			1,760 (4,700)

Note: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month.